

## THE WOMEN HAVE WON

they leave their men for weeks at a time  
and when they return  
they're not only taken back,  
they're welcomed.

their men, when they stay out on them,  
call home with apologies  
and wonder what may happen  
in their absence.

when a man speaks out for men,  
his job is in jeopardy.

dividing and conquering,  
the women fuck their men's friends  
and say it's the first time they've enjoyed it.

sexism is what communism used to be,  
an unwritten but punishable crime.  
it means whatever the women want it to mean.

a few men, who side with the women,  
are allowed the illusion of equality.  
they won't be needed much longer.  
what used to be known as the real man  
is seldom seen except in caricature.

men who know better must pretend  
every woman has a talent or intelligence.  
their opinions are accorded merit,  
even where thoroughly uninformed.  
they are not to be contradicted, god forbid, interrupted.

i read that women now smoke more than men.

the most assertive take assertiveness courses.  
after a drink they are more assertive yet.  
their men take sensitivity training.  
a man who asserts himself after a drink  
has a drinking problem.  
if he acts up, he is in the midst  
of a mid-life crisis.  
where possible, his behavior  
is professionally modified.

the men who still ostensibly wield power,  
don't dare risk the wrath of the women.

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for a while.